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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT _____
 TOPIC Military Information from the Ohrdruf and Kindel Troop Training Grounds

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1. At 2 p.m. on 8 November 1952, five trucks _____ towing 100-mm AT guns, were seen on the Schwabhausen-Ohrdruf road, driving toward Ohrdruf. At about 10 a.m. on 6 November, 27 SP guns and 40 x 122-mm guns, lined up in 4 rows, were seen on the Herzberg hill, east of Wipperoda, near the three solid quartering buildings erected there. Trucks _____ occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia _____ were seen en route to the Herzberg hill. At 2 p.m. on 7 November _____ the Boxberg hill had been vacated except for a detail of four men. The telephone lines from the Boxberg toward Wipperoda had been dismantled, except for the masts. The excavated emplacements were covered with branches.¹
2. On 23 November, elements of the large detail still stationed in Camp Rudenko at the Kindel troop training grounds, were shipped toward Langensalza. Prior to 25 November, the camp was occupied by a rear detail of about 50 troops. On 18 and 20 November, trucks _____ hauled ration supplies to the camp. The camp on Highway No 84 was vacant. The training area was patrolled by Russians and VP.
3. On 4 December, the Kindel troop training grounds was occupied by a detail and an estimated 60 soldiers. No vehicular traffic was observed.²

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1. Comment. Elements of the Eighth Gds Army, especially of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps which had been stationed at the Ohrdruf troop training grounds during the summer months left the training area in early October 1952. Part of the troops seen in the camp in November belong to the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which is permanently stationed at Altes Lager _____. Other vehicles observed belong to unidentified units of the Eighth Gds Army. As the Wipperoda-Emlen area mostly is frequented by artillery brigades of the army or corps, the guns seen there probably belong to one of the army artillery brigades from Altenburg.

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[redacted] artillery units were entrained in
Altenburg on 27 October. [redacted] Permanent
quartering buildings in this area are reported for the first
time.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The corps units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps
and the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were stationed in Camp Rudenko
west of Haina and in Camp Kindel south of Highway No 84 respectively
during the summer months. The units left the training grounds in
early October 1952.

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